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FURTHER RECORDS OF *HETEROGRAPHIS OBLITELLA* (ZELLER).

— Recent conversations with entomologists indicate that this moth has occurred, often in some numbers, throughout southern England during 1976. My Heath trap at Orpington has attracted 11 individuals this year, the earliest being 27.vii and the latest 9.ix. This comparative abundance coupled with the suggestion of S. E. Whitebread (*Ent. Rec.*, **87**: 190) that *oblitella* could have been breeding on the North Kent coast in recent years, prompted examination of my unidentified material from previous years. This produced one female (29.viii.74) and two males (viii.75). Although the records for this species are probably incomplete, the moth appears to have occurred in Orpington for at least three years. Other localities in N.W. Kent this year have included Dartford Heath, Petts Wood and Sidcup (several).

Further afield, no less than seven individuals of *oblitella* came to m.v. light on the cliffs at Durdle Door, near Lulworth, Dorset, on 26.viii.76. Perhaps a more surprising locality was for a single male taken in early August this year on the shingle beach at Llwyngwril, Merioneth. My thanks are due to Mr. J. Roche who first pointed out *oblitella* in my collection, and who kindly supplied records for Sidcup and Petts Wood. — P. A. SOKOLOFF, 4 Steep Close, Green St. Green, Orpington, Kent.

CONFIRMATION OF *HYDRAECIA OSSEOLA HUCHERARDI* MAB. AS A BREEDING SPECIES IN THE MEDWAY VALLEY. — I would like to add to the record of Mr. D. A. Saunders (*Ent. Rec.*, **87**: 303) of the capture of a specimen of *hucherardi*, near Rochester, Kent. Three specimens of this moth, two males and one female, visited an m.v. light I was operating on the banks of the Medway between Maidstone and Rochester on the night of 30th August, 1976. The night was a poor one for moths, with only 17 other species (all very common ones) being recorded up to 10 p.m. The foodplant, *Althaea officinalis* is common in the area where the moths were found. The specimen I kept for confirmation is identical in colour and markings with a specimen I bred from a pupa from Rye, Sussex. — P. J. JEWESS, 378 London Road, Aylesford, Kent.